Eliminating Poverty.

151. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

(a) in how many years they anticipate to eliminate poverty from the State;

(b) what are the main lines of action they intend to adopt to achieve the object?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) No forecast can be made.

(b) Government will do what is possible.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(a) and (b) Is it because of the lack of foresight of the Government and what is that?

President.—It is a question of opinion and not asking for information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know why he did not say like that in the answer? May I know what is possible at present?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Development of commerce, industry and education—all these have been done.

Mortality—Starvation.

152. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the approximate average annual mortality in Cochin on account of starvation, complete, or partial acting in accumulated effect;

(b) whether they are aware that a section of the social philosophers advocate that every death in (a) may be answered by the life of a member of the governing class;

(c) what they intend to do constructively to purge popular movements of the wrong mentality indicated in (b) and to ensure the maximum fund of happiness to the suffering humanity.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) No information is available

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise in view of the answer to (b).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(a) I want to know why.

Mr T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No information is available.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Cannot such information be got over before the next session?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—We shall try

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(b) Are not you aware that there is a section of violent Bolshevists?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can the Government get the information before the next session?

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